



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The study of art leads to a more full, more meaningful life, and art education provides substantial benefits to elementary school, middle school, and high school students; and
- WHEREAS: Art education develops students' creative potential and improves problem solving and critical thinking skills by reinforcing and bringing to life what students learn in other subjects; and
- WHEREAS: Art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities, and gives students a deeper understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; and
- WHEREAS: Art education advances student mastery in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics; and
- WHEREAS: Our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in education; and
- WHEREAS: The National Art Education Association, in conjunction with the Art Educators of Minnesota, strives to improve the well-being of our communities by enhancing visual awareness of the cultural strengths of Minnesota and the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans have joined the National Art Education Association and the Art Educators of Minnesota in supporting the youth of our community in their intellectual development through artistic endeavors and in offering support to our committed art teachers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2014, as:

## YOUTH ART MONTH

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE